

## TELL OF NEW ONES

Several Deals Likely to Be Announced on Owners' Return.

Parson Farthing, Omaha, Pulls Off Remarkable Stunt.

## HOW ARMSTRONG MISSED HIM

Oklahoma Should Be Considered in Ten Town Scheme.

Gunthorpe Trying to Get Franchise in Central League.

It is likely that several deals will be announced following the return of the magnates from the schedule meeting in the big smoky. The owners are talking trade to beat the band upon most such occasions and this one will likely be no exception. Holland and Isbell are particularly anxious to secure a couple of the Sox magnates cast-offs. Of course Commy has players for sale and will sell them to whoever pays him most and speaks quickest. But Comiskey has a team in which he is vitally interested in the Western this year. This is at Lincoln. Commy will be expected to slip the Antelopes something in the way of equipment for the coming contest. All of which recalls the question of the wisdom of purchasing optional players. It's not the best system in the world although it's allowable when a team is to be built up. You will notice, however, that Rourke, McGill and Isbell, as well as Sioux City owners, have fought shy of the optional player as much as possible. They are never satisfied, these players secured in this way, and Higgins, the king pin of the men who use optional players, always had trouble getting his men to sign. The demoralizing effect of a man who is discontented because he has been in faster company, if only for a tryout, more than offsets any advantage which may arise from his splendid playing ability. And then, of course, it depends a great deal on the kind of a player you get.

Parson Farthing, the Rourke flinger, is one of the most unique characters in baseball today. Farthing had a bad year last season and the contract mailed him this year called for a cut in salary. Instead of holding out or trying to at least get an advance in salary over what the contract called for he signed up the same day it was received. Rourke surely should do the handsome thing by this Farthing person. It is worth something to have such a man on the club. It hasn't been but a short time that Farthing was the pitching marvel of the Nebraska Aggies. He made a tour of Kansas with that team. Among other teams he played against and defeated were the Kansas Aggies. He outpitched Baird, the crack K. S. A. C. and Central Kansas twirler on this trip and "Army" Armstrong, then managing the Junction City club, immediately made overtures, offering to break the salary limit if the youngster would sign up. Farthing didn't sign any papers but said he would. Baird, the pitcher he defeated in Manhattan, played in the Salina team. Farthing returned to his home state and before Armstrong got action on his youngster Rourke had signed the Parson. He has been on the Omaha list ever since.

Gunthorpe, who tried vainly to secure the Lincoln franchise during the late unpleasantness, is now trying to get a franchise in the Central league. Gunthorpe is sure to make a lot of friends whatever circuit he may break in.

There is a letter from Barney McGrath at this office. It is from San Marcial, N. M. Can it be that "our" Barney has wandered such a distance? There is a suspicion that such is the case, as McGrath has subscribed for the State Journal just as a man who wants to keep track of the dope should do.

Oklahoma City wants into the Western league. The franchise in the Texas league has been removed to Beaumont. The other Texas towns wanted to be rid of the Oklahoma management, which had the unhappy faculty of always being "bad." Oklahoma City is a good ball town with the right kind of people behind the team but even the fans there get tired of the Almer Davis stuff. If there's anything to the gossip of making the Western a ten club league there are worse towns in the world than the one south of us.

From the reports made by the various league managers last year the fourth ownership in the Grizzlies which McGill offers to Hendricks is a fairly profitable proposition. The lack is rich in his own name now and doesn't need the money unless he has pushed that recent inheritance across in fairly rapid style.

ST. LOUIS SIGNS TEN MILLION. Seattle Star sends contract in to Roger Today.

Seattle, Wash., Feb. 10.—Ten million, a former Northwestern league player who was sold to the St. Louis Nationals by the Cleveland club, signed his contract and sent it to St. Louis.

PHIL KNIGHT LOSES AGAIN. Young Saylor Beats Him in All But Third Round.

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 10.—Young Saylor clearly outpointed Phil Knight of Leavenworth, Kansas, in their ten

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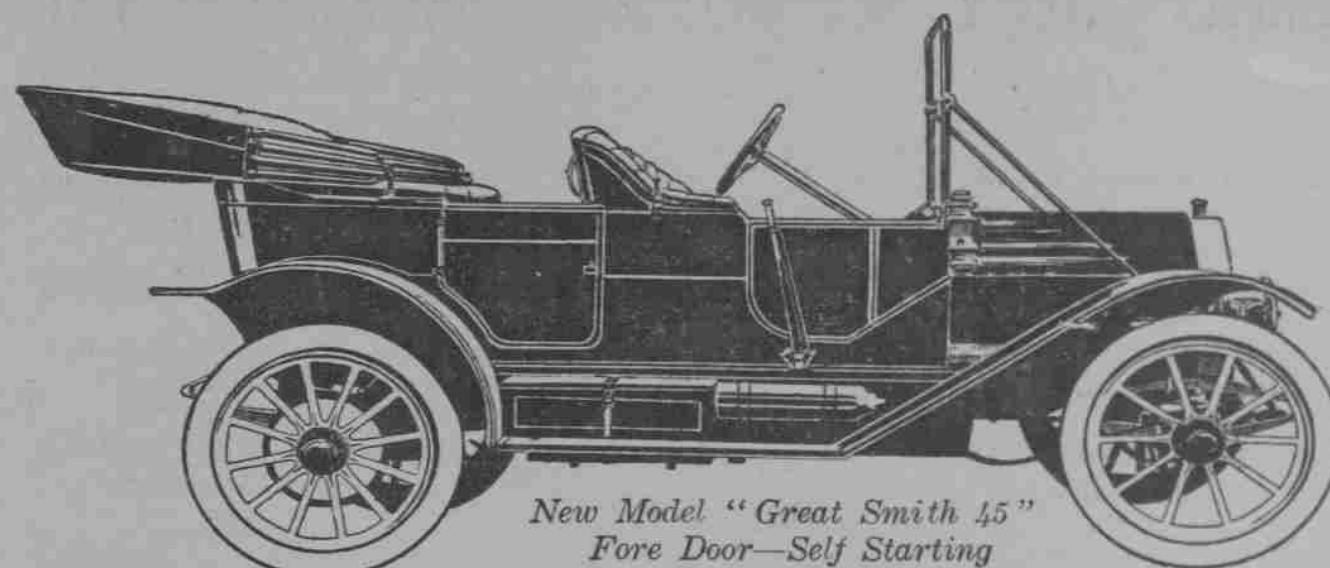
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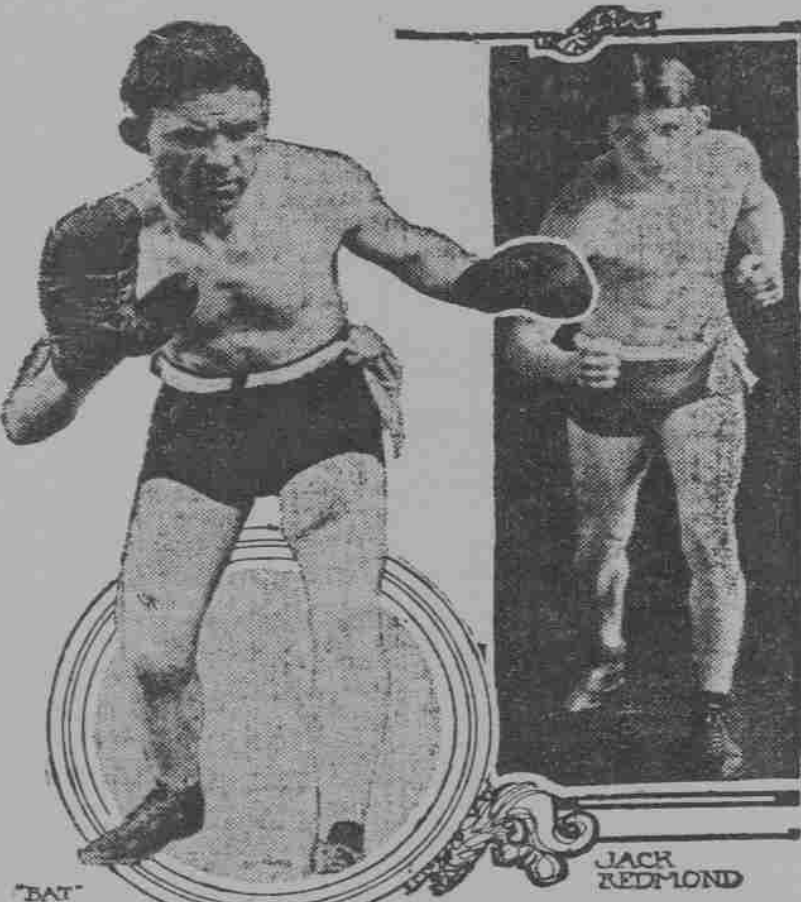
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## THE DANE TO MEET REDMOND.



"BAT" NELSON

JACK REDMOND

Racine, Wis., Feb. 10.—Joe Budar, fight promoter, expects to stage a fight between Jack Redmond and Battling Nelson on the latter part of this month. He already

round bout last night. For the first three rounds Knight covered to stop a smothering rain of blows, but in the fourth floored Saylor with a right swing to the jaw. After that the westerner was bested in each round.

## HE ORDERS TWELVE BATS.

Perhaps Baker is Going to Stock the Team With Them.

Louisville, Ky., Feb. 10.—An even dozen of those "home run bats" is the order John Franklin Baker, of the Philadelphia Athletics, sent to a Louisville turner. Accompanying the order was the bat with which he made his two famous home drive that won the championship for the Athletics over the New York Giants last fall. It was made in Louisville of Kentucky mountain wood that contains luck, or something equally potent and he wants the twelve new ones made just like it. Also he wants the sacred relic of his prowess returned to him at his farm, Trapps, Md.

## NO PEACE AGREEMENT DETAILS.

Herrmann and Johnson Talk It Over But Avoid Interviews.

Cincinnati, Feb. 10.—After a conference, Chairman August Herrmann and member Sam B. Johnson of the national baseball commission, announced that while the new peace agreement between the major and minor leagues had been discussed, yet nothing could be given to the public. President Johnson left for Chicago

## THEY HOPE TO WIN

Kansas Track Workers Still Trying to Beat Tigers.

Hamilton Thinks Maybe This Is the Year.

Lawrence, Kan., Feb. 10.—If the number of athletes who come out to do speed work every afternoon on the indoor track in Robinson gymnasium is any criterion, the University of Kansas should be well represented in track and field events during the coming season. Each evening from 7 to 100 bare-legged athletes may be seen performing in the gymnasium here preparatory to the opening of the speed calendar in college circles. The material at the disposal of Coach Hamilton this season not only looks well in regard to numbers, but many of the many men who have offered themselves to do track services have shown real class and the coach sees developing from this squad one of the fastest track teams that Kansas university has turned out for some time. Both old and new men who have made good records in the past on the varsity and freshmen teams are striving for regular berths. This seems to be the only sport in which a large number of veterans are represented at the university this year.

The first test of the Kansas strength on the track will be on February 19, when the team meets the squad from Baker in an indoor dual engagement. This will be the initial tryout for the varsity men and should give Coach Hamilton a good line on the personnel of the 1912 K. U. track team. Baker is said to have a strong team this year and if the reports which have been sent out from Baldwin are indicative of their strength the Methodists should show the Jayhawkers a good time.

## Hope to Beat Tigers.

After the Baker meet the next event is scheduled to be held in Convention hall with Missouri. This is always the big event in indoor athletic circles and the rivalry between the two schools is as great as ever. It is the one ambition of Kansas to capture this annual contest and early indications point towards a satisfaction of this desire. Missouri has been in the habit of running away with the Kansas City meet and the Tigers regard a Missouri victory simply as a matter of course, but since Hamilton's men defeated the Missourians so decisively two years ago in the outdoor meet there has been a feeling here that this victory should be repeated indoors.

Missouri is to be represented this year by some of the fastest men in the conference and by athletes who have distinguished themselves by their stellar work on the track. Missouri has lost a few good men, but the big majority will be seen again in their abbreviated uniforms doing stunts around the big circle. Bermond, the fleet-footed half and quarter-mile runner who left the Kansas runners in the rear last year, is back at Columbia again and will be seen in action when the two schools meet in Convention

hall on March 29. Nicholson will take care of the high jump and the hurdles for the Tigers while Kireksey is out for another season of low hurdling and sprinting. Wickelman is billed for the long distance events with the able assistance of Jack Cannon, the crack one-mile runner. Although Anderson, it is understood, is the only old man back for the weights, Roberts of last year's freshmen bears a good record with the discus. Missouri also has a number of good looking freshmen to choose from this year.

Each College Has Team of 17. Each of the two Missouri valley schools will be represented by 17 of their best men in the Convention hall meet and there should be a good exhibition of track work when they come together. From the five score of men who have reported to Coach Hamilton this spring 17 will be chosen to defend Kansas and bring back the long end of the score from her ancient rivals. Captain French and Hazen are to be matched with Nicholson in the high jump. Woodbury and Hazen will take care of the low hurdles while Wilson seems to have everything his own way in the broad jump. Wilson holds the university broad jump record of 22 feet 10 1/2 inches. Woodbury, Jones and Hite are the Kansas pole vaulters. Woodbury has a record of 11 feet 6 inches. The Tiger weight men will be opposed by Ammons and Bowers, while V. Wood, Bramwell and Burnham may show enough class to qualify. Davis is the premier Kansas sprinter, while Patterson will contest the mile run with Cannon and is also out for the two-mile against Bermond, Murry, Stark and Adair are also candidates for this event. Fairchilds and McMillan will compete with Bermond for honors in the half.

Among the other Kansas men who are showing up in good form and give promise of developing into good material are Gribble in the quarter and relay; Eugene Davis, quarter and half; Perry, hurdles; G. Smith, quarter and relay; R. C. Davis, half mile; Kabler, dashes; Dolde, Keplinger and Ben Davis, in the quarter; Babb, in the quarter and 220, and Cramer, in the pole vault. The track schedule

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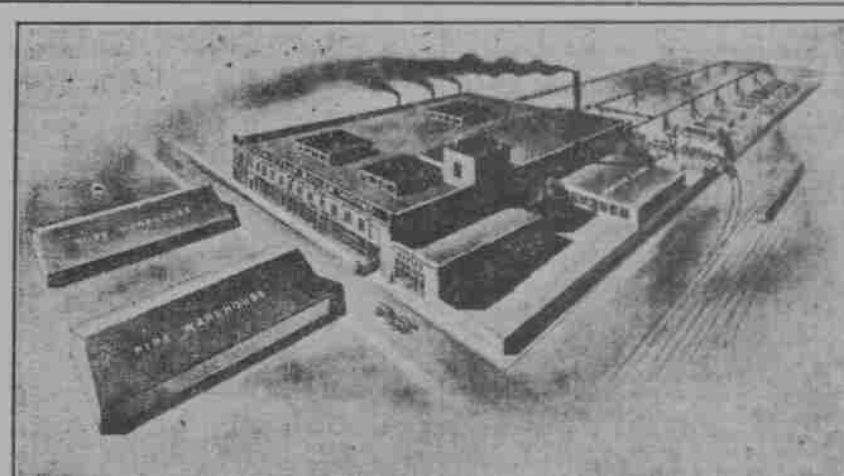
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this year is the heaviest in the history of the school. It follows:

February 19—Baker university at Lawrence.

March 29—Missouri at Kansas City.

April 5—K. C. A. C. in Kansas City.

April 20—Drake relay carnival at Des Moines.

April 27—Pennsylvania athletic carnival at Philadelphia.

May 3—Nebraska at Lawrence.

May 11—Missouri at Columbia.

May 25—Missouri valley meet in Des Moines.

June 1—Western championship meet at Purdue.

An indoor meet will probably be held with either Manhattan or St. Marys in Robinson gymnasium between February 19 and March 29. This meet has not been definitely settled.

## JOHNSON MARRIED YEAR AGO.

No Return Ship Has Reached Marriage License Bureau.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 10.—Looking over the old dockets, the clerks of the marriage license office here have discovered that John A. Johnson, better known as Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight fighter, received a marriage license on January 18, 1911, but no return ship had reached the office. The license was issued to Johnson and Etta H. Duryea, white, who gave her residence as Chicago.

## Says They Wed Secretly.

Chicago, Feb. 10.—Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight pugilist, confirmed the report that he had obtained a marriage license in Pittsburg and said further that he had married Etta H. Duryea in Pittsburg shortly thereafter. Johnson said the marriage was open and legal and there could be no blame attached. Mrs. Johnson said she had lived at Hempstead, L. I., but would not discuss her former husband. Johnson said: "I married Mrs. Duryea secretly. She had been divorced a year before. Mrs. Duryea started the suit herself. I knew nothing about her former husband."

## "Remembering Another Man's Wife"

is the subject on which Rev. Robert Gordon will speak at First Baptist church Sunday night. The men's club invites you. Brief organ recital by Prof. D. H. Seymour begins at 7:15 p. m.

band. All I know is that she is my wife and who she was before that concerns no one but me."

Scranton Swamps Lyndon. Scranton, Kan., Feb. 10.—The Scranton high school team defeated the Lyndon team here by the score of 12 to 11. Burton was the local star. Williams of Topeka refereed the game. Raymond was the umpire.

## FORM WARD SCHOOL LEAGUE.

Harry C. Weber Is President of New City Circuit.

The Topeka School Baseball league team managers held a meeting at Harrison school Friday evening and decided on a three game a week schedule, playing Monday, Wednesday and Friday. It was decided to have a straight school league. The schools represented in the league are as follows: Captains Roy Johnson, Summer; Vernon Porter, Garfield; George Offen, Polk; William Cushing, Catholic; Gerald Kanyon, Harrison. Harry C. Weber is president of the league.

## TOMMY MEE JOINS WITCHES.

Former Denver and Brown Tryout Signed by McMullan.

Wichita, Kan., Feb. 10.—Secretary, Frank McMullan of the Wichita baseball club announced that he came to terms with Tommy Mee, an infielder, while in Chicago at the Western league schedule meeting. Mee tried out with Denver last year and later was with the St. Louis Americans for over four months. He is now reading law in Chicago. Everybody read the State Journal.